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Assignee: APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.

Title: FILM DEPOSITION METHOD AND APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.143

**Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

The present communication is in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2003, outlining the Examiner's restriction requirement between the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-6 drawn to a method of depositing a film, classified in class 438, subclass 687.

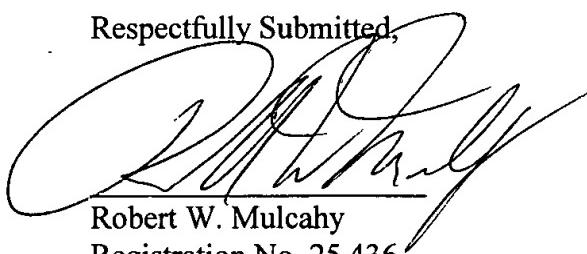
- II. Claims 7-10, drawn to a film deposition apparatus, classified in class 118, subclass 715+.

In response to the Examiner's requirement of election of claims, Applicant's undersigned Attorney hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-6 drawn to a method of depositing a film, a method for prosecution, with traverse.

Applicant's undersigned attorney invites any direct telephone communication from the Examiner to expedite prosecution of the subject Application.

Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this document. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **50-1074**.

Respectfully Submitted,



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